WHEREAS, Muscular Dystrophy and related neuromuscular diseases afflict hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens throughout the nation, many of them children; and,

WHEREAS, The programs of basic and clinical research, and of patient and community services maintained by Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America represent the only concerted effort to find the causes and develop effective treatments of these crippling disorders, and to provide patients with medical care; and,

WHEREAS, The annual Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon carries the good news of these vital services to patients coast-to-coast and is a primary source of obtaining nationwide public support for these life-extending programs; and,

WHEREAS, Recent new insights into the nature of human muscle and of neuromuscular disease have raised realistic hope for significant further progress in the fight against dystrophy in the foreseeable future:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Monday, September 5, 1977, as

JERRY LEWIS TELETHON DAY

in South Dakota, and do urge that all citizens of this State join the work of Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America by contributing to this Jerry Lewis Telethon--so all those who wait to be set free from the burdens of dystrophy may have their dream fulfilled.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 15th day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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